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Manganese and Iron Ore were shipped from the U.S.S.R. to Bitterfeld via Frankfurt/Oder in June 1955. The ore was consigned to the Foundry Combine East (EKO). 1

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2. On 4 August 1955, it was learned that the taking on of coal and water by locomotives was performed as follows at the following railroad maintenance shops (Bws).

Bw Involved	Loading Facilities Available	Number of Minutes Required
Karlshorst	grab crane	60
Lichtenberg	mine cars and one crane	80
Berlin-Ostbahnhof	mine cars and one crane	80
Rummelsburg	loading performed by hand	120
Erkner	mine cars and one crane	80
Schoenweide	gantry crane	60
Pankow	mine cars and one crane	80

3. On 4 August, it was learned that another group of six German locomotives was returned to the GDR by Poland. ³ All locomotives beyond repair are to be transferred from RAWs to Poland. Details were not available. ⁴

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4. On [REDACTED] similar to the German model P-38
 lo [REDACTED] mark marshalling yard. The
 lo [REDACTED] the following order:
 [REDACTED] tender.

One of the six locomotives was without tender. It was learned from a railroadman that the six Russian locomotives were scheduled to be delivered to Japan. The other locomotives of the type were observed in the case of the Southwest locomotive road.

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5. On 28 June, the third turbine of the railroad power station at Muldenstein was put into operation. On 29 June, the fourth turbine was subjected to a full load test. The power station has furnished electric current to the public mains since 31 July. The Halle - Koethen railroad line was scheduled to be ready for electric operations by 1 September 1955. In late June, 85% of the overhead lines were installed on the Halle - Koethen railroad line. Between Koethen and Schoenebeck, about 20 % of the overhead lines required were completed. ⁵

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6. On 28 July, 15 RRY-type flatcars were observed at Apolda. these cars were being kept available for tank shipments. Fifteen RRY flatcars each were also kept ready for tank shipments at Erfurt-North and Eisenach. The cars at Erfurt were said to be available for tank shipments in the Nordhausen-Ellrich area, those at Eisenach for tank shipments in the Mechterstaedt-Saettelstaedt area. ⁶

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7. The following information on the hauling performance and fuel consumption by steam locomotives in June 1955 was excerpted from the "Wirtschaftsuebersicht fuer Dampflokomotiven" of the Ministry of Traffic:

a. hauling performance:

21484 km run
11363 million ton/km handled ⁷

b. Fuel consumption:

hard coal : 227,173 tons
brown coal briquettes: 211,752 tons
raw brown coal : 102,172 tons
Hard coal slurry : 6,956 tons
brown coal dust : 17,389 tons

Total coal consumption expressed in briquette units: 617,727 tons. ⁸

8. On 23 July, rail employees had to sign a statement [REDACTED] would not expect to enter West Berlin and that any [REDACTED] would be prosecuted. ⁹

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9. Between 1 and 6 August 1955, it was learned that the eight RBDs at present in existence were to be dissolved, while the RBAs were to be converted into "Betriebsdirektionen" (operational district headquarters). The measure was apparently planned for reasons of administrative expediency and economy. ¹⁰

1. Comment. In May 1955, a total of 106,555 tons of manganese and iron ore were delivered by the USSR to the Foundry Combine East via Frankfurt/Oder.

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2. Comment. All the Bws mentioned belong to RBD Berlin.

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3. Comment. By July 1955, of the 72 former German column locomotives which in July 1954 had been rented out to Poland, 42 units were returned to Germany.

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4. Comment. This information refers to an exchange of German and Polish locomotives, most of them heavily damaged, which had been parked since the end of the war in Poland and East Germany respectively.

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5. Comment. Information on a partial reopening of the Muldenstein railroad power station was transmitted previously. The first test run on the re-electrified Halle-Koethen railroad line was made on 27 July 1955. Scheduled electric operation will not be resumed on the line before October 1955.

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6. [] Comment. These flatcars are used for the so-called tank [] 25X1
[] which are being kept ready for employment by the [] 25X1
[] various East German railroad stations. [] 25X1
7. [] Comment. The hauls of steam locomotives were slightly lower 25X1
than in May 1955. [] 25X1
8. [] Comment. The coal consumption quota fixed for the month of 25X1
June was 573,918 tons. Compared with the month of May, coal consumption
dropped by 20,000 tons. []
9. [] Comment. The bulk of the GDR railroad personnel has been 25X1
forbidden to travel to West Germany and even West Berlin. [] 25X1
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10. [] Comment. This information was received for the first time. 25X1

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